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LB 386, 387, 890, 891

ASSISTANT CLERK: There is a quorum present, Madam President.

SENATOR CROSBY: Any items for the record?

ASSISTANT CLERK: Madam President, your Committee on Enrollment and Review reports (LB) 386 to Select File with amendments, (LB) 387 to Select File, and that's all that I have. (See page 1984 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR CROSBY: We begin with LB 890 on General File.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Read title.) The bill was read for the first time on February 28th, referred to the Business and Labor Committee. That committee reports the bill to General File with committee amendments.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Abboud, to open on 890.

SENATOR ABOUD: Thank you, Madam President, members. The...you should have received a packet on your desk yesterday that spelled out the state claims bill for this year. As you may recall, the state claims process is a rather simple process in that under the State Tort Claims Act an individual can file a claim against the state of Nebraska and there's different criteria for doing that. But...either they're filed through the courts or they're filed directly with the State Claims Board, but ultimately the State Claims Board, three-person board, makes the decision on what claims to accept and then this, in turn, is passed on to the Business and Labor Committee in the form of two pieces of legislation. One is in the form of LB 890, which you have before you here today, and then a second bill, I believe it was LB 891, that provided for portions that the State Claims Board had rejected. So, the committee, the Business and Labor Committee, hears both the claims that have been accepted by the State Claims Board and those that have been rejected. Those that are accepted are made up of LB 890 and...is what we're going to be discussing initially. And then the committee amendment will be the portion of the state claims that was rejected and then the committee, having heard testimony, made a decision in which we added an additional...I believe it was one additional claim. And then there will be an another amendment on an additional claim that was filed later by the committee.